



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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National Survey

Forty-eight states have reported compliance or national survey results; 4,226 nurseries have been reported visited and 106,118 samples collected. Fifty-one positive sites in seven states have been identified through national survey or Federal order and annual cleanliness compliance surveys. Outside of the three regulated west coast states, eight national survey positives have been confirmed. Georgia reports four positive nurseries; Louisiana reports two positive nurseries; and Tennessee reports one positive nursery and, as of this week, South Carolina reports one positive nursery. In the regulated states, California has found 23 positive nurseries during their Federal Order compliance surveys and annual cleanliness surveys. Oregon has identified 11 positive nurseries during their Federal Order and compliance surveys. Washington has reported nine national survey positive sites.

The US Forest Service and states are conducting nursery perimeter and general forest detection surveys in 38 states during 2005. As of August 3, USFS reports 390 nursery perimeter surveys in 28 states with 932 samples collected; results are available for 246 samples and all are negative. USFS reports 303 general forest surveys have been conducted in 27 states; 661 samples have been collected. There are no confirmed positives based on 128 results.

Eastern Region

APHIS has confirmed that a Camellia located at a wholesale nursery/broker in Jasper County, South Carolina is positive for *P. ramorum*. This is the first report of a positive nursery in South Carolina in 2005. The nursery is part of a chain of nursery dealers. Another chain location, in Norcross, Georgia, tested positive earlier this year.

Western Region

Since the last report, APHIS has confirmed the presence of *P. ramorum* at one nursery in Oregon and two nurseries in Washington State.

The Oregon nursery is located in Washington County. APHIS confirmed it as positive on August 19. It is a retail nursery/landscaper. The pathogen was detected on a Rhododendron. Survey type has not been reported.

Both Washington State nurseries were detected during the national survey. APHIS confirmed *P. ramorum* at a Pierce County, Washington nursery on August 10. The pathogen was detected on a Rhododendron. APHIS confirmed *P. ramorum* at a retail nursery in Skagit County, Washington on August 15. The pathogen was detected on a Rhododendron.

Positives Summary

<u>State</u>	Fed Order / Compliance Agreement	Trace Forward / Back	National Survey	Other / Unknown	Total
CA	23	28	0	1	52
GA	0	0	4	0	4
LA	0	0	2	0	2
OR	11	8	0	1*	20
TN	0	0	1	0	1
SC	0	0	1	0	1
WA		0	9	0	9
Total	34	36	17	2	89
Survey type not reported.					